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Dear Voter

I am standing in the forthcoming local election for Onchan District Commissioners on Thursday 22 July 2021.

I've had the privilege to represent Onchan and its residents, since being elected in October 2020. I greatly appreciate all the support that the people of Onchan have given me in my recent term of office, during the past nine months.

In the past, I was elected as an Onchan Commissioner from 1990-2006 and as a Member of the House of Keys from 2006-2016. I continue to play a pro-active role, as President of Onchan Football Club and Chairman of Onchan Pensioners Social Club.

I have always been outspoken over issues that arise and threaten Onchan. I am sure that the experience and knowledge I have gained over the years, will prove invaluable again, for a future term on the Board of Onchan District Commissioners.

I always endeavour to serve the people of Onchan with integrity, honesty and accountability. I am pro-active in challenging expenditure and environmental issues, encourage community involvement and support local economic development.

Our whole community has had a difficult time during covid. Now is the time for us to move past this and I am looking ahead, to focus on what is important to Onchan.

I would value your support on election day and in return, I will always approach the challenge with enthusiasm, experience and a true sense of care for our community.

I'll endeavour to visit as many households as possible, however I'm always available if you would like to discuss your thoughts, views and ideas, so please don't hesitate to get in touch. As a reminder, this local election is for all registered voters in the whole Constituency.

Please take the opportunity to cast your vote for me on **Thursday 22 July 2021**, by placing an X next to my name. I look forward meeting you on election day.

Yours sincerely

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Law and Order

Trust and confidence within the Onchan community, is built around visible policing in our neighbourhood. In recent times, this has been reduced considerably, especially regular patrols in residential areas and recreational parks. We're all aware some people have been victimised and subjected to mindless acts of vandalism in and around their homes.

We need to bring back the strong partnership that Onchan and the police once had. I have always held a good relationship with the Isle of Man Constabulary and will continue working closely with the community, to tackle increasing issues.

I believe most public disturbance and crime, is committed during evening and overnight hours. We need dedicated visible policing during these times and regular feedback with the Commissioners to drive activity and action to stop this behaviour.

I would like community officers to be known to residents, providing a regular touch point, identifying what matters to local people and maintaining visible presence, whilst acting as a intermediary pulling all parties together.

I support increased use of monitored CCTV cameras around Onchan, focusing on known trouble spots.

Highways

The Onchan zebra crossings, badly need updating with the latest technology i.e. illuminated poles, flashing led Belisha beacons and a refresh of road markings.

I support a 20mph speed limit on the A2 road through Onchan. I'm disappointed to learn that our traffic speed indicators, don't record the number of times vehicles exceed the speed limit. I have sat at both these sites and watched a substantial number of vehicles activating the speed warning. These units require replacing and a speed camera at both ends of the village should be installed (Governors Bridge through to Whitebridge).

In the meantime, I've asked the constabulary that radar speed guns are regularly used, as this would be more effective than a cardboard 'PC Flat'.

Onchan experiences quite severe traffic problems at peak times of the day and both the Commissioners and Department of Infrastructure need to agree a pro-active plan, to tackle the back log of traffic leaving in the morning and returning in the evening.

We need an easy method to report and track, road maintenance, pavement issues and traffic light problems. I will continue to engage with the Department of Infrastructure and work with them to identify a realistic program of work to resolve our local issues e.g. potholes, broken pavements, traffic light sequencing, blocked gullies and overgrown vegetation on footpaths.

I would support a few minor changes at a modest cost, to provide solutions at road junction layouts such as; Signpost Corner, Summerhill and Blackberry Lane.

Although the law has now changed to manage abandoned and large vehicles parking in residential areas, we still have several vehicles flouting the law and there's a need to look at more practical solutions, which could generate revenue for our local authority.

Housing

A demand for local authority housing will always be required and I am glad to see that the turn around and re- allocation of public housing is improving.

The land behind Triumph Group could be used to increase local authority housing. Onchan Commissioners and central government need to engage and work together to assess this idea.

I am an active supporter of the two invaluable sheltered housing complexes in Onchan. The Springfield Court complex is a priority for refurbishment, which is well overdue.

Onchan Park

We have a valuable facility with our park and I would like to review the facilities, ask the community for their input and look at affordable options to refresh and continue its future. Existing amenities such as the tennis courts, boating lake, pitch and put, play park, all need a bit of TLC.

Civic Amenity Site

There is a new Eastern Civic Amenity site in the planning, as the present one at Middle River has come to the end of its lease. I support this plan, servicing our long-term needs with a joint approach from the five Eastern local authorities, who are progressing with a much-improved site near the Energy from waste plant.

Bus Network

I am still working with residents and the Department of Infrastructure to review the bus network in Onchan, some routes still need altering to ensure they meet the needs and demands of our travelling public. The residents continue to report that several 'small' buses could service parts of Onchan more efficiently. This remains an ongoing challenge that I will continue to address.